PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT:

In the claims:

Please amend as follows:

1. (original) A connector for connecting a grounded board, said connector having a card and a housing for housing said card, said housing comprising:

a non-conductive housing main body having an housing space for housing said card;

a contact for connecting said card housed in housing space, said contact being disposed in said housing main body; and

a first conductor portion for connecting said card housed in said housing space, said first conductor portion being disposed in said housing main body and insulated from said contact, and

whereby said first conductor portion escaping electric charge electrified on said card to said board when connected to said card and said board.

2. (original) The connector according to claim 1, wherein said first conductor portion is disposed in a position to connect said card which is not housed in said housing space.

3. (amended) The connector according to claim 1 ~~or 2~~, wherein said first conductor portion is for connect an edge of said card.

4. (amended) The connector according to ~~any one of claims 1 to 3~~ claim 1, further comprising:

a second conductor portion disposed along a second side face of said housing space;

wherein said first conductor portion is disposed along a first side face of said housing space.

5. (original) The connector according to claim 4, wherein said card is substantially rectangular and said first and second conductor portions are symmetrically disposed about the direction of inserting said card.

6. (original) The connector according to claim 5, wherein each of said first and second conductor portions has a flexible portion elastically deformable outside and a lock piece disposed along said flexible portion for covering a portion of a face of said housing space for being inserted said card;

whereby said lock pieces is pushed by said card to open outside when said card is inserted into said housing space, and said lock pieces lock said card when said card is housed in said housing space.

7. (amended) The connector according to ~~any one of claims 1 to 6~~ claim 1, wherein said board is a printed wiring board.

8. (amended) The connector according to ~~any one of claims 1 to 7~~ claim 1, wherein said contact is for connecting said board.

9. (original) An electronic component having a connector for connecting to a grounded board, said connector having a card and a housing for housing said card, said housing comprising:

a non-conductive housing main body having an housing space for housing said card,

a contact for connecting said card housed in said housing space, said contact being disposed in said housing main body; and

a first conductor portion for connecting said card housed in said housing space, said first conductor portion being disposed in said housing main body and insulated from said contact; and

whereby said first conductor portion escapes charge built up in said card to said board when connected to said card and said board.

10. (added) The connector according to claim 2, wherein said first conductor portion is for connect an edge of said card.

11. (added) The connector according to claim 2, further comprising:

a second conductor portion disposed along a second side face of said housing space;

wherein said first conductor portion is disposed along a first side face of said housing space.

12. (added) The connector according to claim 3, further comprising:

a second conductor portion disposed along a second side face of said housing space;

wherein said first conductor portion is disposed along a first side face of said housing space.

13. (added) The connector according to claim 11, wherein said card is substantially rectangular and said first and second conductor portions are symmetrically disposed about the direction of inserting said card.

14. (added) The connector according to claim 12, wherein said card is substantially rectangular and said first and second conductor portions are symmetrically disposed about the direction of inserting said card.

15. (added) The connector according to claim 13, wherein each of said first and second conductor portions has a flexible portion elastically deformable outside and a lock piece disposed along said flexible portion for covering a portion of a face of said housing space for being inserted said card;

whereby said lock pieces is pushed by said card to open outside when said card is inserted into said housing space, and said lock pieces lock said card when said card is housed in said housing space.

16. (added) The connector according to claim 14, wherein each of said first and second conductor portions has a flexible portion elastically deformable outside and a lock piece disposed along said flexible portion for covering a portion of a face of said housing space for being inserted said card;

whereby said lock pieces is pushed by said card to open outside when said card is inserted into said housing space, and said lock pieces lock said card when said card is housed in said housing space.

17. (added) The connector according to claim 2, wherein said board is a printed wiring board.

18. (added) The connector according to claim 10, wherein said board is a printed wiring board.

19. (added) The connector according to claim 2, wherein said contact is for connecting said board.

20. (added) The connector according to claim 10, wherein said contact is for connecting said board.